

REMARKS:

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated October 18, 2005, The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hashimoto, objected to claims 3-5 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but containing allowable subject matter, and allowed claims 6-11.

In this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 5. Claim 5 has been canceled.

The 102(b) rejection of claims 1 and 2

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 5, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter. Claim 1 and its dependent claim 2 are thus patentable over Hashimoto.

The objection of claims 3-5

Claims 3 and 4 depend from now patentable claim 1. Claim 5 has been canceled.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0128)

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